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SUBJ: INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAM HAYES/CODEL MURPHY

1. ON APRIL 30, JXOURN CONGRESSMAN MORGAN MURPHY OF ILLINOIS, ROBERT WEIDRICH OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE AND CONOFF EUGENE ZAJAC VISITED WILLIAM HAYES AT SAGMALAR PRISON. ALSO PRESENT DURING INTERVIEW WITH HAYES WERE ISTANBUL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WHO HAS JURISDICTION OVER PRISON, PRISON DIRECTOR AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING OFFICIAL OF PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

2. INTERVIEW LASTED ONE HOUR FIFTEEN MINUTES, DURING WHICH WEIDRICH PRIMARY QUESTIONER OF HAYES. BILL RELATED HIS STORY UP TO THE PRESENT, CONCENTRATING ON HIS PAST EXPERIENCE WITH HASISH AND HIS PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT ATTEMPTS SUBSEQUENT TO CONFINEMENT. VERY LITTLE REFERENCE MADE TO PRISON CONDITIONS, MUCH TO RELIEF OF TURKISH OFFICIALS PRESENT. ALTHOUGH BILL DID NOT HAVE PRIOR NOTICE OF THIS INTERVIEW, HE PLEASED BY THEIR INTEREST AND ASSURANCE OF WEIDRICH THAT HE WOULD NOT WRITE ANYTHING WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT BILL'S SITUATION. BILL DID MENTION HIS DESIRE FOR TRANSFER TO OTHER PRISON BUT DID NOT DWELL ON ISSUE AND WEIDRICH DID NOT QUESTION HIM ON IT.

3. BOTH CONGRESSMAN MURPHY AND WEIDRICH EMOTIONALLY MOVED BY THEIR MEETING WITH BILL AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH INTERVIEW. WEIDRICH, WHO REGULAR COLUMNIST WITH CHICAGO TRIBUNE, STATED HE PLANNING ONE OR TWO ARTICLES CONCERNING HAYES AND ANTAKYA GROUP WITHIN WEEK TO TEN DAYS.

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4. PRIOR MEETING WITH HAYES, CONGRESSMAN MURPHY AND
WEIDRICH CALLED UPON CONSUL GENERAL MACE FOR BRIEFING
HAYES SITUATION. AFTER THIS BRIEFING, THEY WENT TO MEET
DR. FARUK EREM PER PRIOR ARRANGEMENT. EREM DID NOT SHOW
UP AND CONGRESSMAN MURPHY EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT
EREM HAD BUSY SCHEDULE THAT DAY. WEIDRICH INDICATED THAT
HE MAY SEND SHORT LIST OF QUESTIONS TO AMEMBASSY FOR ANSWER
BY EREM IF POSSIBLE.

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